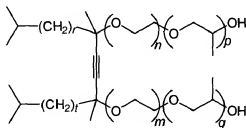


## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 This invention provides water-based compositions, particularly coating, ink, fountain solution and agricultural compositions, manifesting reduced equilibrium and dynamic surface tension by the incorporation of a surface tension reducing amount of an acetylenic diol ethylene oxide/propylene oxide adduct of the structure



- 10 where  $r$  and  $t$  are 1 or 2,  $(n + m)$  is 1 to 30 and  $(p + q)$  is 1 to 30.

Also disclosed is a method for making random and block EO/PO adducts of acetylenic diols by reacting an acetylenic diol with EO and/or PO in the presence of a trialkylamine or Lewis acid.

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